

St. Mary Help of Christians Parish



August 16, 2015

24588 COUNTY ROAD 7, ST. AUGUSTA, MN 56301

MISSION STATEMENT

*We, the people of St Mary Help of
Christians Parish,
are called to love and serve the
Lord through our lives.*

*Established in 1856, the church is
the cornerstone
around which we have built our
community of faith.*

*We encourage all to participate
through
worship, education, and sharing
of their gifts and talents.*

*With the strength of our families,
the optimism of our youth, and
the wisdom of our seniors,
we strive to be advocates of the
"Good News"
as we continue to grow and
change.*

March 2000

PARISH OFFICE:

320-252-1799

School: 320-251-3937

Website: www.SMHOC.org

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Jose Edayadiyil, *Pastor*
Ken Rosha, *Deacon*
Kelly Kirks,
School Principal of K-6
Shelly Gohmann,
Parish Secretary
Jan Minke,
Faith Formation Director
Deb Klaverkamp
Youth Coordinator
Kathy Waletzko,
Music Director

WORSHIP:

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass:

Sun. 8:00 & 10:00am

Sat. evening at 5:00 pm

Daily Mass: 8:00 am

Wednesday,

Thursday & Friday

Tuesday evening 6:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 4:15pm or by
appointment

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you as a new
member of our faith
community. Call the parish
office for information.

BAPTISM PREP

Sessions held 2nd Monday
every other month. Next
session is August 17, 2015
Call the Parish Office to
register.

MARRIAGE PREP

Arrangements must be
made at least 6 months
before wedding. Call the
Parish Office.

RCIA "RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS"

Anyone interested in
becoming a member of
the Catholic Faith call the
Parish Office.

August 16, 2015 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Pro 9:1-6, Eph 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

In today's Gospel we find the most unambiguous teaching on the Eucharist which was already the belief of the Johannine community of the late first century AD. Even at this time of history, the passage is ever meaningful as it was two thousand years ago. In response to Jesus saying in Jn 6:51: "I am the living bread came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world," many Jews said, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" It is a very sensible and rational question. Jesus' words provoke a quarrel among the Jews. There Jesus explains in clear terms the truth of the giving of his body and blood for eternal life. "Unless you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." It is through him alone we can have life; without him there is no lasting life. He is the source of the fullness of life.

It is through Jesus that we can have communion with God and eternal life. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." The Eucharist is the bread of communion here and hereafter. How can this eating and drinking be possible? That was the doubt of Jesus' audience. The scripture says that the people killed Jesus and they buried him and he rose from the dead on the third day. None physically ate his flesh and drank his blood while he was alive or after his death. The eating and drinking takes us to the true meaning of the Sacrament of Eucharist. He instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper and it gets its true meaning through his death on the cross and resurrection. This is the giving that he was referring to. It is a sacrament of faith.

God's love for us has taken on flesh and blood in the incarnation and he dwelt amidst us and on his return he gave himself as the food for us on the road to eternal life. In the Eucharistic celebration, in the bread and wine, we have the presence of Jesus who comes from the abode of the Heavenly Father to take us to the shore of immortality.

~Fr. Jose~

BAPTISM

**Next Baptism class is
Monday, August 17,
7:00 pm. Please call the
Parish Office, 252-1799,
to register.**

**Save the Date: Next Parish meat
raffle at the Club Almar is Friday,
August 28, 5:00pm. Jeannie Schmidt
& Amanda Carlson are chairing.**

**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

- 17 Monday - **No Mass**
- 18 Tuesday - 6:00 pm +Delphine Terwey
- 19 Wednesday - **No Mass**
- 20 Thursday - Randy Reimann
- 21 Friday - **No Mass**
- 22 Saturday - 5:00 pm +Marcella Schill
- 23 Sunday - 8:00 am Parishioners
10:00 am William Boogaard
- 24 Monday - **No Mass**
- 25 Tuesday - +Wendy & +Ryan Kiffmeyer
- 26 Wednesday - **No Mass**
- 27 Thursday - +Camryn Gohmann
- 28 Friday - +Ruth Sands
- 29 Saturday - 5:00pm +Virgil Koenig
- 30 Sunday - 8:00am + Gilbert Schmidt
10:00am Parishioners

**Greetings from SMHOCS...**

St. Mary Help of Christians School will be having the back-to-school Open House on Thursday, August 20th from 4:00-6:30 p.m.

There will also be sign-up for PAA Fall sports in the school gym from 5:00-6:00 p.m. PAA sports are open to all parish members grades 3-6. The Fall sports include football and volleyball for grades 5 & 6, and intramural football and volleyball for grades 3 & 4. If you would like to volunteer to coach any of these sports, please contact Barb Toenjes/Charlie Kirks or the school office. Open House for Preschool is on September 1st from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

The school office is open most weekdays, Monday-Thursday, in the month of August. You may want to call ahead before a visit as staff will be out for various meetings throughout the month. Students return to school on Tuesday, August 25th. (Preschool, September 2nd). *Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal*

**Readings for This
Sunday, August 16**

Proverbs 9:1-6
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

**Readings for Next
Sunday, August 23**

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32
John 6:60-69

**Fr. Jose will be on vacation until Thursday,
August 27. Please watch the bulletin for
weekday Mass schedules. In case of an
emergency, you may call the Parish Office,
252-1799, M-F 7:30am-12:00pm. After hours
you may call Shelly at 654-1557.**



Weekly Schedule

Monday, August 17

6:30pm Harvest Celebration Mtg.

7:00pm Baptism Class

Tuesday, August 18

6:30pm Dinner Theatre Mtg.

Thursday, August 20

4:00-6:30pm SMHOC School

Open House

Saturday, August 221:30pm Wedding - Dustin Voigt
& Casey Laudénbach**Nursery Next Sunday, August 23:**

Tammy Hooper & Macy

Parish Support

Adult	\$3,758.60
Youth	21.00
Funeral Fund	20.00
Votive Lights	40.75
Faith Formation	40.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

**Banns of Marriage**

III - Dustin Voigt & Casey Laudénbach

II - Trevor Koshiol & Mallory Danford



Condolences to Lloyd Eversman on the death of his wife, and to Ken Korman and Therese Haus on the death of their sister, Carol Eversman.

Area Events:

- ♦ August 14th, 15th, & 16th, St. Francis Xavier Parish Festival in Sartell. See flyer on bulletin board for all the details.
- ♦ Sunday, August 16, Church of St. Boniface in Cold Spring. Chicken Dinner starting at 11:00am
- ♦ Sunday, August 23, Sacred Heart Parish in Sauk Rapids. Polka Mass at 10:00am
- ♦ Sunday, August 30, St. Peter & Paul Parish Center, Richmond, Quilt Bingo. Doors open at 5:00pm. Bingo starts at 6:30pm
- ♦ Saturday, Sept. 19th, from 4:00-8:00pm here at St. Mary Help of Christians, join us for a Spaghetti Dinner for Abigail & Zoey's Cure to Hear. Abigail & Zoey Voigt are the granddaughters of Kevin & Tami Voigt. See flyer on bulletin board for all the details.

Faith Formation Registration Coming Soon! Get a head start on sign-up. Registration forms are available in the back of church and on the parish website www.smhoc.org under Faith Formation. Print out both sheets, fill out and return to the Parish Office with payment. Registrations are due by August 31.



The Youth Group Canoe and Camp is being "bumped" due to scheduling conflicts for many kids. Details to be released soon. If you are in grades 7-12 and interested in attending, watch for sign up information! If you would be able to help with donating canoes to use (and/or transporting canoes to start and at end) please contact Deb at 828-0807.

If you are in grades 7-12 and would like to help with the kick off for faith formation for grades 1-6 on September 9th, text Deb.

Youth Group for grades 7-9 will begin September 16th.

Watch for a new Senior High Bible Study coming on Sundays... for more information contact Deb!



Please save the date for the 2015 Harvest Celebration! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th at the Parish Center 6:00 p.m.

We are currently seeking donations for the raffle and auctions. If you'd like to donate, please contact Amanda Carlson 333-2954. Thank you!

Thank you from Catholic Charities for your donation to the area food shelf. You may not know the names of the people you have *clothed, fed, comforted, and loved*, but know you have made a difference. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Please check your schedules to see if you are a lector, usher/greeter, Eucharistic minister, or if your child is serving, etc. If you can not make your scheduled time, please find a substitute.

Ushers/Greeters - Month of August

5:00pm Joe Voigt & David Meyer

8:00am Adrian & Judy Ethen

10:00am Rocky Keske & Volunteer

Ushers/Greeters - Month of September

5:00pm Lloyd & Doris Rosha

8:00am Jeff Tschida & Doug Kilanowski

10:00am Jake Stang & Matt Siers

Servers This Weekend, August 15 & 16

5:00 pm Laura & Otto Klaverkamp

8:00 am Julia Massmann & Jack Massmann

10:00 am Sarah Zieglmeier & Kate Schreifels

Servers Next Weekend, August 22 & 23

5:00 pm Trey Toenjes & Madison Perreault

8:00 am Victoria Schill & Brandon Rosha

10:00 am Madison Streit & Alexis Streit